

Customer No. 10350  
TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
(415) 576-0200

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the  
☒ [ X ] patent application of  
☐ [ ] continuation patent application of  
☐ [ ] divisional patent application of  
☐ [ ] continuation-in-part patent application of

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **Manabu Kitamura, Kenji Yamagami, Akira Yamamoto, Minoru Kosuge**

For: **Computer System and Data Sharing Method Between Computers**

- ☒ [ X ] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
Japanese Patent Application No: 2000-088509, filed March 24, 2000  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ [ ] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ [ ] continuation ☐ [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] 15 page(s) of specification  
☒ [ X ] 4 page(s) of claims  
☒ [ X ] 1 page of Abstract  
☒ [ X ] 9 sheet(s) of ☒ [ X ] formal ☐ [ ] informal drawing(s).  
☒ [ X ] An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.  
☒ [ X ] A ☒ [ X ] signed ☐ [ ] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☐ [ ] A ☐ [ ] signed ☐ [ ] unsigned Declaration.  
☐ [ ] A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).  
☐ [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ [ ] is enclosed ☐ [ ] was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☒ [ X ] A certified copy of a Japanese application.  
☐ [ ] Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
☐ [ ] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ [ ] Notification of change of ☐ [ ] power of attorney ☐ [ ] correspondence address filed in prior application.

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	17 - 20	= *0
INDEP. CLAIMS	6 - 3	= *3
<input type="checkbox"/> [ ] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		

\* If the difference in Col. 1 is less than 0, enter "0" in Col. 2.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 as follows: \$924.00

- ☒ [ X ] Any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application.  
☐ [ ] The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b)

- ☐ [ ] A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
2 extra copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Telephone:  
(415) 576-0200

Facsimile:  
(415) 576-0300

Attorney Docket No. 16869P015200

"Express Mail" Label No. EL49155064US

Date of Deposit: October 25, 2000

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above, addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

By: Ron Anton

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **Manabu Kitamura, Kenji Yamagami, Akira Yamamoto, Minoru Kosuge**

For: **Computer System and Data Sharing Method Between Computers**

- ☒ [ X ] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
Japanese Patent Application No: 2000-088509, filed March 24, 2000  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ [ ] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ [ ] continuation ☐ [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] 15 page(s) of specification  
☒ [ X ] 4 page(s) of claims  
☒ [ X ] 1 page of Abstract  
☒ [ X ] 9 sheet(s) of ☒ [ X ] formal ☐ [ ] informal drawing(s).  
☒ [ X ] An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.  
☒ [ X ] A ☒ [ X ] signed ☐ [ ] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☐ [ ] A ☐ [ ] signed ☐ [ ] unsigned Declaration.  
☐ [ ] A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).  
☐ [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ [ ] is enclosed ☐ [ ] was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☒ [ X ] A certified copy of a Japanese application.  
☐ [ ] Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
☐ [ ] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ [ ] Notification of change of ☐ [ ] power of attorney ☐ [ ] correspondence address filed in prior application.

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$345.00
x \$9.00 =	
x \$39.00 =	
+ \$117.00 =	
TOTAL	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$690.00
x \$18.00 =	\$0
x \$78.00 =	\$234.00
+ \$260.00 =	
TOTAL	\$924.00

Respectfully submitted,  
TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

Robert C. Colwell  
Robert C. Colwell  
Reg No.: 27,431  
Attorneys for Applicant